Evening Star Bureau. No. 727 King St. Bell Telephone, No. 106. ALEXANDRIA Va., January 1, 1900.

A great congregation packed the Second

Presbyterian Church in both auditorium

and gallery last evening to hear Rev. J. Ernest Thacker deliver his farewell ser

in Norfolk, Va. Members of every denom-

ination represented in town contributed, to

swell the attendance. Special music was rendered by the choir. Solos were sung by

Mr. George B. Kennedy and Miss Bouldin

of Baltimore.

Before Mr. Thacker announced the sub-

ject of his discourse he referred in appro-

priate terms to the pleasant relations that

during the three years of his pastorate

round the pastor to bid him farewell.

Thacker will shortly assume charge of the Second Presbyterian Church in Norfolk. He came to the local pulpit about three years ago from a charge in Louisville, Ky. The pale of his influence extended far beyond the bounds of his own church, and his departure is a matter of general regret.

United States Court.

nere tomorrow morning. Several cases for

have been set for trial.

The case of Howard L. Owens, alias Capt.
Ward, charged with impersonating an army
officer, and thereby obtaining money fraudulently, will be reopened at this term.
Owens was given a hearing at the December term in Pichardan

per term in Richmond, and the trial was costponed, the defendant being placed un

der bond of \$15,000.

Gus Dorsey, colored, charged with burglarizing the post office at Lovettsville, Loudoun county, will also be called for trial. Dorsey, it will be recalled, has made two desperate attempts to escape since his incarceration in jail here.

Soleman Mass Service.

Midnight solemn high mass was celebrat

ed last night at St. Mary's Catholic Church

in this city. The celebrant was the pastor, Rev. Father H. J. Cutlar, and he was as

sisted by Rev. Father Loane, who acted as

deacon, and Rev. Father Henberry, as sub-

deacon. This is the first time in the his tory of St. Mary's Church that there has

been a midnight mass, and, in consequence the church was packed to its utmost ca-pacity, there being standing room only Shortly before 12 o'clock the church bel

began tolling and continued so until after

midnight.

Exactly at 12 o'clock the three priests, accompanied by the altar boys, entered at the front of the altar from the sanctuary, and then solemn mass was begun.

Rev. Father Cullar delivered a sermon, which was listened to with rapt attention. Immediately after mass there was benediction

General and Personal.

Mayor Simpson disposed of the following

The Military road case, in which the commonwealth brings suit against Howard P. Marshall for obstructing an alleged public highway, wil be continued Tuesday morning before Judge Love in the Alexandria county court at Fort Myer Heights. The case, it is said, will be submitted to the Jury early in the day, and a verdict will probably be reached shortly thereafter.

Miss Lucy Douglass, daughter of Mr. Sydney Douglass of this city, is in Warrenton, Va., where she is spending the Christmas holidays.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Boyd, presiding elder of Washington district, Baltimore conference,

Washington district, Baltimore conference, preached yesterday morning in the Metho-dist Episcopal Church South.

FILIPINOS PLAN ANARCHY.

Conspiracy to Throw Bombs at Law-ton Funeral Procession.

A dispatch from Manila last evening says

Four explosive bombs, a few firearms and 500 rounds of ammunition were discovered

in a house in the center of Manila this

carte, the insurgent leader, who was said

to have come to Manila in the hope of ef-

fecting an outbreak by taking advantage

of the mobilization of the American troops

Today it developed that the plot included

the throwing of bombs among the foreign

consuls attending the ceremony, in order to

bring about international complications.

These, it seems, were to have been thrown

These, it seems, were to have been thrown from the Escolta's high buildings, but the avoidance of the Escolta by the funeral procession spoiled the plan. The populace, it is thought, had been prepared for the attempt by a rumor circulated widely among the natives yesterday that Aguinaldo was in Manila, and would personally lead the outbreak. The American authorities, having been advised of what was brewing, prepared for all contingencies.

Capt. Morrison, who commands the troops in the most turbulent district of the city, says he does not believe an actual uprising

says he does not believe an actual uprising will ever occur, as the natives lack the resolution to take the first steps in a move-

ment that would entail fighting at clos quarters with the American troops,

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Bacon, in Mitchell county, Ga., will be burned by order of State Entomologist Scott, owing to the ravages of the San

at Gen. Lawton's funeral.

visit to friends in this city yesterday

Pauline Hammill of Baltimore paid

postponed, the defe der bond of \$15,000.

January term of the United State Court for the eastern district of Virginia, Judge Edmund Waddill presiding, wiil open

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SYMPATHY WITH THE BOERS.

Meetings Held in New York, Kansas City and Toledo. A dispatch from New York last night

The United Irish Societies of New York and vicinity filled the Academy of Music tonight at a mass meeting called to express sympathy with the Boers and opposition to England in consequence of the South African war. Senator Mason of Illinois, Representative Sulzer, Representative Cummings of New York and others ad-

dressed the meeting. Justice Fitzgerald of the supreme court Justice Flitzgerald of the supreme court presided. The entire house was filled. The proscenium, the boxes and the balconies were all decorated with a profusion of American flags, the green Irish emblems, and occasionally the flags of the two South African republics.

Resolutions were adopted condemning England's attitude both as to the war itself and her recent action in seizing flour and other produce consigned to a neutral port, as well as citizens sailing under a neutral flag to that port.

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Among the vice presidents of the meeting were N. A. Poynter, governor of Nebraska; George L. Wellington, United States senator from Maryland; John J. McDonough, secretary of state of New York, and the following representatives: R. K. Polk, Athelston Gesten and E. D. Zeigler of Pennsylvania; Daniel E. Johnston, Wm. F. Rhea and John Lamb, Virginia; J. S. Salmon, New Jersey; John A. McDowell and R. D. Gordon, Ohlo; Henry C. Smith, Michigan; Stanyarne Wilson, South Carollina; Thomas Spight, Mississippi, and Geo. A. Pearre, Maryland.

An overflow meeting, attended by over 3,000 persons, was held in Irving place.

Resolutions sympathizing with the Boers in their fight with Great Britain, and commending Senator William E. Mason of Illinois for championing their cause, were adonted by the German-American Citizens!

nois for championing their cause, were adopted by the German-American Citizens Association of Kansas City at a meeting in Association of Ransas City at a meeting in that city yesterday. Copies of the resolutions were forwarded to Senator Mason, Representative Sulzer of New York and Representative Cowherd of Missouri.

A dispatch from Toledo, Ohio, yesterday

says:

The Robert Emmet Club, a leading Irish society of Toledo, has inaugurated a movement to assist the Boers. This club in 1898 organized the Emmet Guards, and offered their services for the war with Spain. At a secret meeting last night resolutions were adopted pledging financial and moral support to the Boers, and offering assistance of men if required. Flifty-five volunteers offered their services "in any emergency in which England is involved." Only single men, with no one dependent upon them for support, are accepted.

Mr. Edward Waters, president of the club, is authority for the statement that the organization has arms for all who volunteer, should arms be needed. Asked about the rumors of an invasion of Canada, Mr. Waters said:

"When the orders come it will be our duty to obey. We have advices that French and Irish-Canadians are in favor of independence, but this comes to us indirectly." It is claimed that the movement is being directed by Irish-Americans of national reputation, one of whom, it is announced, will visit Toledo during this week.

William G. Freeman, a wealthy grocery The Robert Emmet Club, a leading Irish

The National Association of Spanish-American War Veterans has issued a call to the public for contributions for the family of Gen. Lawton, and for the erection of an enduring memorial of the general. William G. Freeman, a wealthy grocery man of Nashville, Tenn., committed suicide

Large Congregation Hears Farewell Ser-

mon Preached by Rev. J. E. Thacker. "Open-Door" Policy.

The Pastor Resigns to Accent Call to Unanimous Agreement With the Un-Norfolk-General and Personal News.

dertaking of This Country to Free Commerce With the Empire.

The negotiations opened by Secretary Hay with the great powers of Europe and with Japan toward securing a common understanding for a continued "open-door polthroughout China have met with most gratifying results. Favorable responses ain, Germany, France, Russia and Japan. No doubt is felt here that Italy, the remaining country addressed, will make fa-vorable answer. The position of Italy is felt to be assured by the favorable course adopted by the other four great powers of

The importance of this unanimous verdict by the first-class powers of the world—Great Britain, Russia, Germany, France, Italy and Japan, in conjunction with the United States—can hardly be overestimated so far as it relates to the future of China and the commerce of the world in that empire. The State Department is loath to discuss the far-reaching results to be secured when the agreement advances to the stage of formal consummation, for each favorable response is conditioned on the favorable action of all the other parties, so that in each case the n-gotiations may be regarded as short of absolute finality.

The British answer was the first to be submitted, and, was exceptionally comprehensive and explicit, in yielding to every suggestion made by the United States relative to maintaining the freest entry to the ports of China.

Although much secrecy was observed in the transmission of the British answer, its general purport soon became known at healter European capitals and there was not The importance of this unanimous ver during the three years of his pastorate here, and also spoke of the kindness shown him by citizens in general. He said he would leave Alexandria with a heart full of love for its people, ever earnestly praying for their happiness and welfare.

At the side of the retiring pastor sat Rev. E. V. Register, pastor of the M. E. Church South, and Rev. J. T. Cameron of the F. M. Church. In order that his congregation might attend the services Rev. Mr. Register had canceled the regular evening service at his own church.

Mr. Thacker preached from the text, I John, 3.2. "It doth not yet appear what we shall be." His sermon was listened to with the closest attention and at its close

the transmission of the British answer, its general purport soon became known at the other European capitals, and there was not a little irritation at what was regarded as a precipitate response, purposely designed to embarrass the continental powers by showing Great Britain and the United States acting in concert, while the rest of the world held aloof. But this situation was made much more satisfactory to the continental powers by their determination to act for themselves. Germany is said to thave been the next power to answer in the have been the next power to answer in the affirmative. The German answer was rather more vague than the one which had preceded it, but its general tendency was favorable, the only condition being that any arrangement as to free access to China should be universal and assented to by all

should be universal and assented to by all of the powers.

The Russian negotiations have proceeded less briskly, so that it seemed for a time that Russia's attitude might not be favorable. This was dissipated, however, by the Russian ambassador, Count Cassini, in the course of interviews with Secretary Hay. The Russian position, it is understood, is similar to those preceding it, with the same condition, that Russia alone shall not be bound, but that all of the interested countries shall join in the agreement to keep

bound, but that all of the interested countries shall join in the agreement to keep the ports of China forever open.

Japan made her position unmistakably in favor of the American proposition, with the same reservation as in all the other cases, that unanimity should be reached. Although Italy is yet to be heard from definitely, no doubt is entertained that that nitely, no doubt is entertained that that country also will be favorable, thus making complete the satisfactory responses of all the great powers.

#### OBJECTIONS TO TARIFF TREATY. French Agricultural Interests Op-

posed to Its Provisions.

A Paris dispatch of yesterday says: A stiff campaign against the Franco-American commercial treaty is about to be opened by the parliamentary opposition to the goverement and by the agriculturists. Despite the favorable report of the customs committee, a hostile current has become manifest among the deputies who represent the agricultural constituencies, as well as those against several clauses of the treaty.

In Cuba coffee was at one time the principal source of wealth, the value of its product having reached during the early part of the century about \$20,000,000 in a single year. The industry was established by the French refugees from Santo Domingo. After their expulsion the plantations passed into the hands of Spaniards and Americans, and it is estimated that there were at one time six coffee estates to one of sugar, coffee tions have protested against granting the United States the minimum tariff, while manufacturers of farming implements, cycles, machine wools are deeply disturbed over the advantages accorded to their American competitors by the treaty. This anxiety is shared by the oil seed industry. six coffee estates to one of sugar, coffee plantations containing from 500,000 to 1,000,000 trees being in existence in the island prior to 1800, when the decline in the price

### INCREASE IN SHIPBUILDING.

Vessels Officially Numbered by the Bureau of Navigation. The total number of vessels built and of-

ficially numbered by the bureau of naviga tion during the calendar year just ended was 954, of 267,642 gross tons, compared with 955, of 237,600 gross tons, for the year 1898. Steam vessels built during 1899 numbered 421, of 160,132 gross tons, compared with 550, of 169,602 gross tons, for 1898. Sail vessels numbered 533, of 107,510 gross tons, compared with 405, of 67,998 gross

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tons, for 1898.

The increase is almost wholly on the Atlantic and guif coasts, where 658 vessels, of 163,519 gross tons, were built, compared with 538 vessels, of 86,005 gross tons, for 1898. On the Pacific coast only 114 vessels, of 20,687 gross tons, were built, compared with 240, of 61,923 gross tons, for the previous year. This falling off in construction on the Pacific coast, in spite of the fact that the Alaskan trade next year will be very large, is due partly to the belief that American merchant vessels hitherto employed as transports to Manila will be released and enter the coasting trade in the spring. Construction on the lakes compared with 66, of 75,067 gross tons, for 1898; on the Mississippl and western rivers, 112, of 11,942 gross tons, compared with 111, of 14,605 gross tons, for 1898.

Of steel steam vessels, almost wholly for the coasting trade, 75,313 gross tons were built on the seaboard and 50,836 gross tons on the Great Lakes, compared with 39,129 gross tons on the seaboard and 47,410 gross tons on the Great Lakes for 1898. The construction of 75,313 gross tons of steel steam vessels on the seaboard is the largest output of this description in our history.

For purposes of comparison it may be noted that unofficial figures show hat one British shipyard during 1899 built 82,634 gross tons of steel steamships and another built 77,501 gross tons during the year. Eighteen British shipyards during the past year launched each over 39,000 gross tons of steel steamships. The total output for the united kingdom for the year has not been ascertained, but it will exceed 744 steamships of 1,363,318 gross tons, practically all of which were steel, built during 1898.

The returns for the first six months of the fiscal year show the construction is the fiscal year show the construction in the fiscal year show the construction of the fiscal ye

The returns for the first six months of the fiscal year show the construction in the United States of 527 vessels, of 133,487 gross tons, compared with 511 vessels, of 130,154 gross tons, for the corresponding six months of the previous fiscal year. None of the foregoing figures include unrigged barges and canal boats. Including these, the total documented tonnage built in the United States during the current fiscal year bloss fair to be somewhat over 300,000 gross tons.

Enjoyed Good Sport. Mr. W. W. Rapley, his son, Mr. Everett

who has influential connections in the Rapley; his grandson, Mr. W. B. Rapley, United States and who has secured the and Mr. William Wagner had very good support of President McKinley, Admiral Dewey and a number of influential Ameri sport on their quail hunting trip to Franksport on their quall hunting trip to Franklin, near Portsmouth, Va., last week. They
went to the place of Mr. Theodore Cobb
and found he had excellent dogs and knew
where birds were plentiful. Mr. Cobb is
regarded as the mightlest nimrod in those
parts, but Uncle Billy Wagner proved himself his superior, the bags showing that the
latter killed twice as many quail as did
Mr. Cobb. can senators, is acting as intermediary between the two governments, direct official communication being impossible for Denmark after repeated failures in previous mark after repeated failures in previous attempts.

"For several days an attache of one of the principal United States embassies has been here, having long interviews with the Danish minister of finance, Dr. Hoerring, and this week Captain Christmas will go to Washington to assist the publication of the American official offer. No opposition is expected from King Christian. The price has been fixed at \$4,000,000."

An explosion of gas in the Kinkead Hotel at Fairmount, W. Va., yesterday caused a destructive fire and probably the loss of

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured in Inflammatory Kneumatism Cured in 3 Days.

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ALEXANDRIA FUTURE TRADE WITH CHINA OUR NEW POSSESSIONS

Japan and the European Powers for an Their Commerce, Conditions, Producing and Consuming Power.

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Interesting Data Compiled Regarding Caba, Puerto Rico, the Hawalian.

ditions, as well as the presentation of sta

tistics of commerce, and the prospective pro-ducing and consuming power of the islands

Their present consuming power is estimated

in round terms at \$100,000,000, about equally

The imports into Cuba in 1892, when nor The imports into Cuba in 1822, which were \$2,101.682; those of Puerto Rico in 1826, \$3,656,578, those of the Hawaiian Islands in 1888, \$11.659.880; of the Philippine Islands in 1896, \$28,815,075, while those of the Sa

divided between the products of agricultur

moan Islands in 1895 were \$418,840, chief commercial value of those islands ing as a harbor and port of repair, rel

The exports of the islands have in year

of sugar and hemp are about equal in value together forming about four-fifths of the

Producing Capacity.

of fertile plains which have only served up to this time as pastures, and as most this land is extremely fertile its produci:

roads and facilities for reaching the interior of the island and transporting its products

to the coast, large areas in the mountain-cus portions of the island being capable of producing coffee of high quality so soon as they can be brought under cultivation and

their products transported to the seaboard

per pound in 1894 to 6.7 cents in 1899.

Principal Products.

All of the principal products of these is

lands are largely imported into the United

States and seem likely to continue indefi

nitely among our largest items of importa-

tation. Of our total importations of the

fiscal year 1800, sugar amounted to \$94,-

964,120; coffee, \$55,275,470; fibers, \$20,300.

093; fruits and nuts, \$18,314,206; crude rubber and tropical products, \$31,875,297; raw silk, with which successful experiments have been made in Cuba and the Philippines, \$32,479,627, while numerous other products of the Islands, including tea, cabi-

plnes, \$12,479,627, while numerous other products of the Islands, including tea, cabinet woods, gums, indigo and spices, amount to many millions of dollars. The average annual importation of tropical products into the United States exceeds \$230,000,000, and all, or nearly all of them, may be produced in the islands in question.

At present the total imports of these islands amount to about \$100,000,000, that of Cuba in 1892 being \$52,101,682; the Philippines in 1896, \$28,815,675; the Hawaiian Islands in 1898, \$11,650,890, and Puerto Rico in 1896, \$3,656,578. Their importations are already being stimulated by recent developments, as is shown by the fact that the exports from the United States to the Hawaiian Islands in the fiscal year 1899 amounted to \$9,305,470, against \$5,907,155 in 1898, and \$4,630,975 in 1897; to Cuba, \$18,616,377 in 1899, against \$9,561,656 in 1898, and \$8,239,776 in 1897; and to Puerto Rico, \$2,685,848 in 1899, against \$1,505,946 in 1898, and \$1,988,888 in 1897. With increased producing areas and producing power from the introduction of modern methods of cultivation and preparation of products for the market the consuming and importing capacity may be expected to increase.

Consumption of Foreign Products.

Consumption of foreign products in these

slands is about equally divided between

manufactures and agricultural products of

the temperate zone. Of the exports from

the United States to Cuba in 1894, which

amounted to \$20,125,321, \$5,440,953 were

agricultural products, and of the \$18,616,-

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FOREIGN CONCESSIONS AT SHANGHAI Diplomatic Controversy Brought to a The approval of the extension of the for-

gn concessions at Shanghai, China, brings o a close a diplomatic controversy between France, which has at times become rather age of the negotiations that the Amering the French plan of extension was an afriendly act toward France. That and ther differences, have been happily adusted, however, according to announce-

ments from China.

The controversy assumed an international scope when the three colonies at Shanghai-British, French and American-sought of extend their limits. The concessions are just outside of the old native city, and lie along the Whang Poo, near the point where it joins the Yang-tse-Kiang. They are joins the Yang-tse-Klang. They are nelly important because Shanghai is the remost port of entry for foreign trade in the Chinese empire. The French settlement is nearest the city and fronts on the river. Next comes the British settlement and then the American. The French desire was to extend their settlement so as to take in a large area back of the old city, including five American missionary institutions. The British government opposed this extension quite vigorously. The British plan of extension was for an "international settlement," running from the rear of the British concession up to the native city. France in turn protested against this on the ground that she would be entirely surrounded, without exit, except by the river, the native city, or over British territory. The United States approved the plan of an international settlement, as the American interests were substantially similar to those normal exportations, while from Puerto Rico coffee is the largest item of export, its exportation having been in 1896 more than three times as great in value as sugar, and forming considerably more than one-half the total exports of the island. That the producing capacity of certain of these islands, especially Cuba and the Phil-United States approved the plan of an international settlement, as the American interests were substantially similar to those of the British, but the American attitude did not include an indorsement of all the contentions made by the British. It was to this course of the American government that France took exception, on the ground that it was an unfriendly act to France. The negotiations, while assuming no outward show of warmth, were carried on with some briskness, Ambassador Cambon of France presenting the French side up to a few months ago.

The adjustment finally reached is satiscreation of improved methods of internal communication cannot be doubted. Of the 35,000,000 acres composing the Island of Cuba, not more than 2,000,000 have ever ocen under cultivation. There are 17,000,000 acres of virgin forest and 9,000,000 acres this land is extremely fertile its producing capabilities, when reached by roads and railways, are almost beyond present conjecture. Similar conditions exist in the Philippine Islands. In the Hawaiian Islands the suger-producing area is being greatly increased by the introduction of irrigation. The exports of sugar from the Hawaiian Islands in 1896, 1897 and 1898 are nearly double those of 1886, 1887 and 1898. In Puerto Rico the coffee-producing area may be very materially increased by the introduction of roads and facilities for reaching the interior of the island and transporting its products

onths ago. The adjustment finally reached is satis factory to all parties concerned. The French concession is extended, without in-cluding the American missions. The Brit-ish and American settlements are extended,

cluding the American missions. The British and American settlements are extended, and to some extent merged in the international settlement, but the British-American extension does not so envelop the French colony as to place it in a pocket.

The value of these several concessions is considerable, as the population of Shanghai is about 600,000, of which the greater part is in the foreign settlement. Here the foreigners have the right to carry on trade and control property, and also have their own courts, police, and an organized military establishment.

THE PROGRAM IN THE SENATE. May Be More Debate on Quay Than on The Senate will begin the real work of

the session Wednesday. After the present week longer daily sessions will be the rule and very few more adjournments from Thursday to Monday are to be expected as was characteristic of the sessions of the first week of Congress.

prior to ISEO, when the decline in the price of coffee led to the introduction of sugargrowing. The tobacco-producing area in all of the islands may also be materially increased, while the hemp production of the Irhilippines may be doubled with proper facilities for transportation.

The great increase in areas devoted to the production of coffee, especially in Brazil and Central America, has materially increased the world's product and lowered prices, which is illustrated by the fact that in the United States the average import price of coffee has declined from 14 cents per pound in 1894 to 6.7 cents in 1899. In man of the committee on finance, who will have charge of the financial bill, no definite statement can be made as to how vicorously he will press that measure at the begin ning of business, but there is no doubt of his general determination to push it along as rapidly as possible after the presen week. He has given notice that he will call the measure up Thursday, and it is generally believed that he will then or on the following day make a statement in sup port of it. It is the purpose of the supporters of the

The rapid development of the beet sugar industry has resulted in a marked increase of beet sugar-production, and at low prices, until about two-thirds of the world's sugar supply is now from beets, thus greatly reducing the price of sugar. This reduction is shown by the fact that in the United States the average import price of sugar has fallen from 5.08 cents in 1878 to 2.01 cents in 1897. Somewhat similar conditions exist in reference to hemp, which has recently encountered strong competition from bill to make very few speeches, leaving the opposition to do the greater share of the telking. Those senators who are antagonistic to

exist in reference to hemp, which has re-cently encountered strong competition from sisal and from jute, whose production and use in certain lines of manufacture have been greatly increased. Thus, while the producing area of these islands may be greatly enlarged, it can scarcely be ex-pected that the prices obtained in earlier years for their principal products will again be realized.

Those senators who are antagonistic to the bill as a rule freely confess their inability to defeat it, saying that it will get practically the entire republican vote if needed and probably one or two democratic votes.

At present there is but one matter which threatens to interfere with the continuity of the proceeding upon the financial bill. That is the right of Senator Quay to a seat in the Senate. Senator Chandler, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, has stated that a report will be made in the Quay case soon after the beginning of business. It now seems probable that there will be more debate over the Quay contest than over the financial measure.

It will be difficult to hold the discussion of foreign questions, and especially the Phillippine subject, in check during the financial discussion. Many of the southern senators are anxious to bring the Phillippine question to the front, and it may be safely predicted that there will be more or less reference to it from the beginning. There will be an early effort to get up the safely predicted that the beginning, less reference to it from the beginning. There will be an early effort to get up the analysis and it may furnish a basis

# Samoan treaty, and it may furnish a basis for discussion of the foreign policy if one is not found before the treaty is considered.

Legislation for Puerto Rico The coming of Governor General Davis from San Juan to Washington marks the beginning of an earnest effort on the part of the administration to obtain legislation by Congress to relieve the inhabitants of Puerto Rico from the present state of suspense as to their future. Secretary Root has been losing no opportunity to arge upon the members of the Senate and House the importance of speedy action toward the establishment of a permanent form of government for Puerto Rico, General Davis has been summoned to Washington for the express purpose of assisting the has been losing no opportunity to urge upon Dayis has been summoned to washington for the express purpose of assisting the congressional committees in their task by supplying such information respecting the affairs of the island as is called for, and his coming now is an indication that the committees are ready to begin their work.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

Admiral Farquhar, on his flagship New York, arrived at St. Thomas Sunday. He expects to be joined in his cruise among the West Indies by the Texas, which will start from New York for the south as soon as she has completed some repairs.

The battle ship Massachusetts has arrived at New York, and it is understood she will soon go out of commission, in order to furnish a crew for one of the new

der to furnish a crew for one of the new battle ships, Kentucky or Kearsarge.

The Navy Department has reconsidered its decision to put the collier Marcellus out of commission.

The formal transfer of the converted yacht Viking from the navy to the army has taken place at Norfolk. The army wants the boat for service in Cuba and Puerto Rico, and paid the navy the sum which the Viking cost when she was purchased at the beginning of the Spanish war.

#### Senator Vest's Last Term. "My present term in the Senate will end

amounted to \$20,123,221, \$9,440,953 were agricultural products, and of the \$18,616,-377 exported from the United States to Cuba in 1889, \$9,789,513 were agricultural products, the principal items being it animals, \$2,367,794; breadstuffs, \$2,306,172; provisions, including beef, hog and dairy products, \$3,540,722; while the most important manufactures were cotton cloths, \$147,839; machinery, \$454,031; boots and shoes, \$214,944; saws and tools, \$166,061; cotton goods other than cloths, \$112,880, and nails, \$66,655. To Puerto Rico agricultural products formed \$1,321,489 of the total of \$2,685,848 exported from the United States in 1899, and averaging about the same proportion in earlier years.

Spain's exportations to Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines, which under normal conditions amount to about \$40,000,000 annually, were more largely manufactures, though probably two-fifths of her exports to the islands were agricultural products. Of her total exportations to Cuba in 1896, which amounted to 135,000,000 pescias, 50,000,000 in round terms were agricultural products. To Puerto Rico the proportion was about the same. my public career," said Senator Vest of Missouri Saturday. "I have written a letter to a friend of mine, an editor in Clay county, in which I have said that this term will bring my public life to a close. In saying this, however, I am simply repeating the statement made to the Missouri legislature which last elected me, that I would not be a candidate for re-election."